

Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India

The gateway to South India's cultural heartland — Chennai blends colonial-era forts, towering temple gopurams, and a 13-km beach boardwalk into a single action-packed shore day. Day-trippers who push 60 km south find one of the subcontinent's finest UNESCO coastlines at Mahabalipuram.

Docked — Ambedkar Dock terminal Typical call: 8-10 hrs Indian Rupee (INR) Tamil & English Best Oct–Mar

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ambedkar Dock, Royapuram — fully docked, no tender

Walk to centre: ~4 km by taxi/Ola to central Chennai (10–15 min)

Best For: Temple culture, UNESCO ruins, colonial history, beach walks

Don't Miss: Mahabalipuram Shore Temple & Five Rathas (60 km south)

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ ₹200–350 (~\$2–4 USD) · **Rideshare** ✓ Uber, Ola · **Hop-on hop-off** ✓ Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Mahabalipuram UNESCO Shore Temples** — A must-do if your call is long enough.
- **Fort St. George & City Heritage** — India's first English fort (1644) is just 3 km from the port.
- **Kapaleeshwarar Temple, Mylapore** — One of Chennai's most celebrated Dravidian temples, dedicated to Lord Shiva.
- **Marina Beach Stroll** — At 13 km, Marina Beach is the world's second-longest urban beach.
- **DakshinaChitra Heritage Museum** — A living museum 25 km south of Chennai showcasing traditional South Indian homes, crafts, and performing arts from Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, and...

BEST WALKS

- **Royapuram Waterfront to Fort St. George** 3 km · Easy · 45–60 min — From the port gate, head south along the waterfront past the Kasimedu Fishing Harbour — arrive early for the morning fish auction — then continue to the Armenian Church...
- **Mylapore Temple Neighbourhood Walk** 2 km loop · Easy · 1–1.5 hrs — Start at Kapaleeshwarar Temple, circle through the tank courtyard, then weave through Mylapore's flower-seller lanes to San Thome Basilica.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:56AM–6:21PM · Jun 5:42AM–6:36PM · Aug 5:56AM–6:29PM · Sep 5:58AM–6:09PM · Oct 5:59AM–5:49PM	
Apr	93°	80°	3d		
Jun	96°	82°	11d		
Aug	92°	79°	19d		
Sep	90°	79°	20d		
Oct	88°	77°	20d		

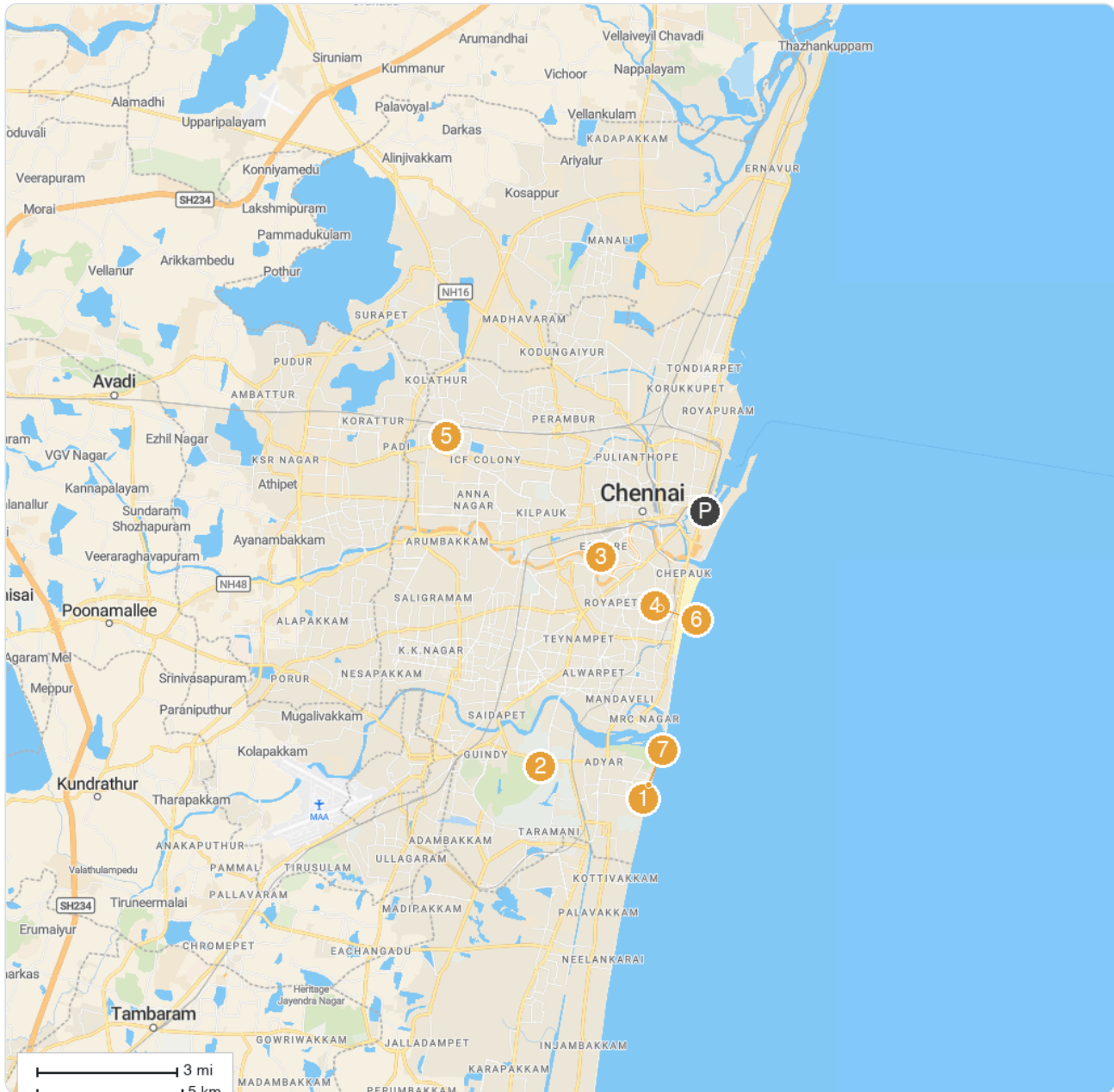
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Dress for temples: Cover shoulders and knees; carry a shawl. Remove footwear at temple entrances — socks are fine on hot stone.
- Book a driver for Mahabalipuram: It's 60 km and traffic can be heavy. Arrange a car from the port gate early — ₹2,500–₹3,500 for a full-day private car is typical.
- Rupees only at most temples: Exchange money at the terminal or use an ATM in the city. Card acceptance is patchy outside malls and hotels.
- Heat is serious: Chennai is humid and hot outside October–March. Start early, stay hydrated, and don't underestimate the midday sun.
- Ola beats street taxis: Use the Ola app (or Uber) for metered, no-haggle rides. Download it before you leave the ship on the port Wi-Fi.
- Crocodile Bank add-on: The Madras Crocodile Bank Trust is 40 km south, right on the way to Mahabalipuram — a fun 30-min stop for reptile enthusiasts.

Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Annai Velankanni Shrine Basilica | Catholic basilica dedicated to Our Lady of Good Health. | 2 Guindy National Park | Smallest national park in India, home to deer and birds. |
| 3 Government Museum Chennai | Large museum complex with art, archaeology, and natural history. | 4 Arulmigu sri Ellamman Kovil | Hindu temple dedicated to Goddess Ellamman. |
| 5 Arulmigu Sowmya Damodara Perumal Koil | Ancient Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu. | 6 Arulmigu Thelliyasinga Perumal Temple | Historic Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu. |
| 7 Karl Schmidt Memorial | Beachside memorial for Karl Schmidt, a heroic Dutch sailor. | P Cruise port / terminal | |